

**The Building Code Standards Committee meeting will be
on
April 21, 2005 in Conference Room B
At the
Powers Administration Building
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI**

567th Meeting 1:00 p.m.. April 21, 2005

- 1. Call to order.**
- 2. Appeals**
- 3. Approval of Minutes of last meeting.**
- 4. Correspondence.**
- 5. Committee Reports**
- 6. Legislation**
- 7. Old Business.**
- 8. New Business.**

9. Adjourn

New Appeals: None

566th Meeting April 7, 2005

1. Mr. DeBlois, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Appeal 05-05, RI E 9-1-1, 1951 Smith Street, North Providence, has been tabled in order to give the applicant more time to evaluate the

facility for E 9-1-1, or seek alternate locations more suitable.

3. The Minutes of the last meeting were approved as submitted upon a motion by Mr. Newbrook and seconded by Mr. Turner. The Minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Correspondence:

a. Building Permits Law Bulletin

Mr. DeDentro referred to an article from Building Permits Law Bulletin that stated that the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled that if a code violation was discovered on a site by a building official after a certificate of occupancy was issued, the contractor is still liable for repairs.

b. Fees and Supplemental Fees

Mr. DeDentro said there is also another Supreme Court case in California that declared excess permit fees and supplemental fees to be a tax. There is a second case pending in Madison Connecticut. The Rhode Island Builders Association is aware of these cases and is considering filing a case.

5. Committee Reports:

a. Mechanical Subcommittee

Mr. Turner requested that Building Code staff coordinate a meeting with the Mechanical Subcommittee to readdress the issue of smoke dampers. He said we could also correspond to ICC asking for further illumination on this as well as the commentary. Mr. DeDentro said that he would request that Mr. Cowen schedule a Mechanical Subcommittee meeting.

b. Certification Subcommittee

Mr. DeDentro said the Certification Subcommittee did not meet but the following notifications were received:

Mr. Gareth Eames has left the Town of Little Compton and taken a position as Building Official in the Town of Tiverton.

Mr. Bernard Salvatore, Alternate Building Official of Johnston, has been appointed as Alternate Building Official in the Town of North Providence.

Mr. Allan Johnson has a plumbing and mechanical licenses and has been appointed as plumbing and mechanical inspector in the City of Pawtucket. Mr. DeDentro said he is presently taking the Building Code Certification class.

6. Legislation:

Mr. DeDentro said there are two bills that are of interest to this Board.

The first bill would delete the supplemental ADA fees that are required at the local level. The second bill would require the building official to issue a building permit within 15 days. If the permit is not issued by 15 days, the permit fee would be reduced by 50%, if not issued by 90 days, the fee would be reduced 100%.

Mr. DeDentro said he testified on a previously reported bill regarding the compliance of three family residences to the provisions of the one and two family dwelling codes. He feels this bill will probably not be approved.

Mr. Carlson said there is also a bill which would eliminate fire alarm requirements and change to 50,000 square foot allowance on horse barns. Mr. Howe said NFPA is selecting a committee to develop a standard for barns.

7. Old Business:

a. Fire Code and Building Code Coordination

Mr. DeBlois said he would contact Mr. Payne to invite him to our next Building Code Standards Committee meeting.

b. Electrical Subcommittee

Mr. DeDentro said the Electrical Subcommittee has issued their final report and it has been approved with the usual modifications to Chapter 80 and 90. Mr. Gaskell motioned to have a public hearing for the Electrical Code. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. All were in favor.

c. ANSI Code

Mr. DeDentro said that the ICC will have a final vote in September for Chapter 11 and ANSI. There still is an issue with safe harbor and ANSI 117.1 which will be hopefully resolved at that meeting.

d. Reappointments to the Building Code Standards Committee

Mr. Coffey said everyone on the Committee continues to serve until replacement is submitted and approved by the Senate. He reiterated that those wishing to be reappointed should file the necessary paperwork with Deborah Smith in the Governor's Office and file an application on the Internet.

8. New Business: None

9. Adjourn:

Upon a motion by Mr. Newbrook, seconded by Mr. Palmisciano the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Daniel R. DeDentro
Executive Secretary**

Building Code Board of Appeals

Members Present: R. Brown, J. Carlson, B. Davey, S. Turner, R. DeBlois, J. Gaskell, R. Stillings, W. Howe, D. Newbrook, D. Palmisciano, J. Pagliaro, J. Maloney, M. Stoeckel.

Members Absent: R. Collins, G. T. Chabot, A. Durand, D. Gagnon, P. DePace, L. Gemma, M. Lowenstein, G. Preiss.

Staff Members Present: D. DeDentro, E. Gordon, T. Coffey

Staff Members Absent: None

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